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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6382

BILL NUMBER: HB 1140

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 11, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Declaration of Party Affiliation.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Stevenson

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: *Party Affiliation-* The bill removes a requirement that a voter declare a political party affiliation before voting in a primary election. The bill requires that a voter privately be able to select the ballot of the party that voter intends to vote in a primary election.

Indiana Election Commission- The bill requires that the Indiana Election Commission (EC) approve standards and procedures for voting methods to assure that a voter may select privately the ballot of the political party that the voter intends to vote in a primary election. The bill repeals provisions concerning voter challenges because of political party affiliation and the handling of party identification cards used with electronic voting systems.

Effective Date: July 1, 2010.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Indiana Election Commission-* The EC would be able to approve the new standards within the course of a regularly scheduled meeting of the EC and within their existing level of resources.

Background- The EC's general and dedicated fund appropriation for FY 2010 is \$1.46 M, of which \$0.89 M is appropriated for general fund EC operations. The EC had no vacancies as of November 30, 2009.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Indiana Election Commission.

Local Agencies Affected: County election boards.

Information Sources: Staffing report, Nov. 30, 2009; *State of Indiana List of Appropriations, July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2011.*

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